



# **Alaska VA/3MDG Joint Venture**

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# Agenda

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- Overview
  - Where we are today
  - Goals
- Progress to date
- Things We Do Well
- Things We Need
- Lessons Learned
- Contact Information



# Where we are today

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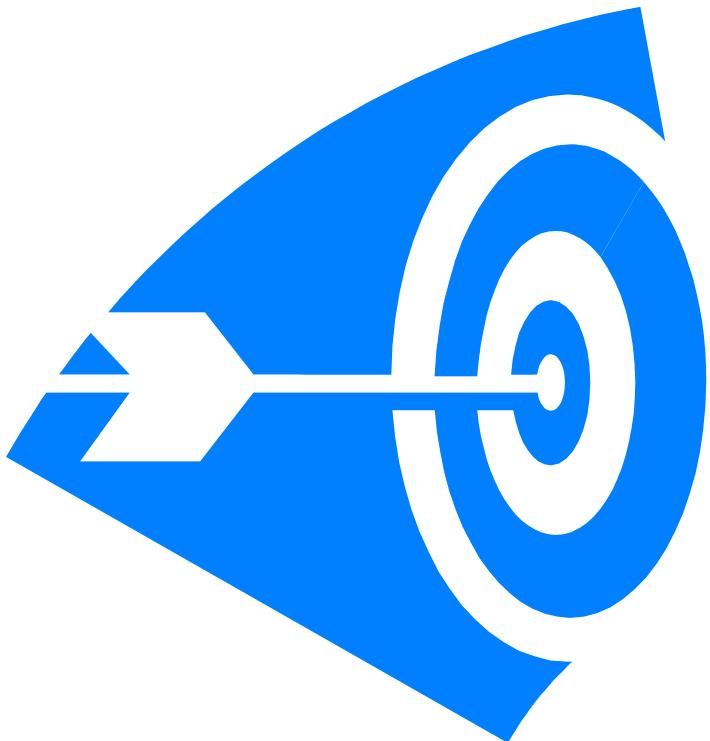
- Integrated DoD/VA jointly staffed MTF
- Air Force Hospital
  - VA runs the ICU
- 3 MDG Executive Committee includes VA representation
- One standard of care
- 3 MDG ER is preferred provider for Anchorage veterans





# Goals

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- Service Improvements
  - New sharing initiatives
  - Increased access for VA patients @ 3MDG
- Cost Containment
  - Minimize leakage to downtown
  - Neither agency subsidizes the other



# Progress to Date

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- DoD/VA Budget & Financial Management Demonstration Site
  - Joint Venture Business Office
- CT/MRI Joint Incentive Fund
  - VA cost savings/avoidance of \$1.6M per year
- Central Sterile Supply Joint Incentive Fund
  - Adds VA staff; new DoD sterilizers
- Physical Therapy Joint Incentive Fund
  - Adds VA staff, shares inpatient workload



# What we do well

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- Communication
- Business Relationship
  - Opportunities to say “yes”
- Staff Integration
- Documentation
- One Team, One Fight





# What we need

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- Compatible Computer Systems
- Integrated Medical Records
- Relief from Staffing Shortfalls
  - Alaska Recruiting Woes
- Increase in Air Force tour lengths



# Lessons Learned

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- Always do what's best for the patient
- Established sound business practices
- Fair & equitable financial reimbursements
- Consistency
- Commitment